Milk program outlined

By TOM CONRAD

Milk Diversion Program Announced - Dairymen in the county can now come to ASCS office to file a contract to participate in the Milk Diversion Program.

Under the program a producer can agree to reduce his or her milk production from 5 to 30 percent and in return receive $10.00 per every 100 lbs. reduced. The contract will be for a specific percentage and runs from January 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985. The percentage has a tolerance of plus or minus 3 percentage points. An example of this would be - a contract for a 10 percent reduction would be allowed a maximum tolerance of 13 percent and a minimum tolerance of 7 percent.

The percentage reduction is calculated as a result of a base being established. The established base can be either the average of the 81 and 82 calendar year marketings or just the 82 calendar year marketings. This is up to the producer. The producer must furnish proof of all milk marketed commercially for each month of the base period. The base must be establioished by no later than January 17, 1984.

In addition to establishing the base, a producer must also file a plan as to how the reduction in marketings will be accomplished. This plan must be filed no later than January 27, 1984.

Producers may file contracts anytime between now and January 31, 1984.

Interested producers should check with the ASCS office for additional details.

Fire-Cured Tobacco Marketi n g Cards - All fire-cured tobacco producers who have completed their marketings, should return their marketing cards to the ASCS office.

Chestnut Grove news notes

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Smith and Russell of Phillipsburg, Montana and Terry Harris of Norfolk Naval Base, are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley O'Brien, Bill Talbert and Allen attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackwell at their home at Mechanicsville Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Taylor and family, of Suffolk, spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper M. Beasley, Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Falls and Sharon Flowers, all of Farmville. Other recent guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Branch of Buckingham; Mr. Alfred Woodie and Tommy, Mrs. Virginia Clabo and granddaughter, Lee Ann, Mrs. Odell Kirby, all of Farmville; Martin Webb of Appomattox; Mrs. Bennie Williams of Dillwyn.

Mr. Ben Ballowe is improving at Southside Community Hospital and hopes to return home soon.

All the Harris families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris Sunday for dinner and the exchanging of gifts.

Mrs. T. N. Saul and Mrs. W. T. Cook were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

H. Flood Harris, of Green Bay, spent Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris.

Robert Metcalfe, Jr. and daughter, Mary Ann, spent Monday night in the W. T. Cook home and attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Bell Archer at Dunkum Funeral Home and interment in Brown's Chapel Church cemetery Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Monday supper guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Senger at Crewe were Mrs. Alice Senger, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Senger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney of Richmond spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris. Mr. Morris' condition is unchanged in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Visitors during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Senger were Mrs. Bettie Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ramsey and Rodney, all of Brookneal, and Mrs. Josephine Roach of Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowen and family returned to their home in De Mossville, Kentucky after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

Visiting during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alice Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pope of Nottaway; Roger Lee Pope of Richmond; Barbara Pope of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Henson Pope, Ricky Leonard, Bradley Webb and Mrs. Icie Graybeal, all of Abingdon; Mrs. May Weakley and Ronda of Appomattox; Tereca Ramsey of Phenix; Mrs. Essie Pope, Sandy Pope and Linda Wright, all of Amelia; Robert Prince, Winchester, Pa.; Mrs. Kline Hill and Cris of Richmond; Mrs. Johnny Harris and boys, of Appomattox; Mrs. Ronald Senger and Amy of Dillwyn.

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FREEZING RAIN AND ICE again visited the Appomattox area last week, when Friday's dire weather forecasts turned into reality. The elements spawned hazardous driving conditions which triggered a rash of traffic accidents, according to Virginia State Police. While at least one traffice fatality resulted from the weather conditions in Central Virginia, Appomattox County was fortunate in that most of the accidents here were minor fender-benders. The icy conditions were hard on plant and animal life, however, as evidenced by this ice-coated tree limb. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Lawson elected president of County Supervisors

By FRANCES ABBITT

In the first meeting of the new year, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors elected Dr. Samuel R. Lawson as board chairman for the coming year and Franklin Vaughan was elected vice chairman.

David S. Nash, newest board member, elected on Nov. 8 to represent the Cloverhill District, was named by the board to represent the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on the Appomattox County Planning Commission.

Virginia M. Babcock, Director of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services, appeared before the board seeking endorsement for the Training and Employment Services Coordination Program.

"I see needs in the area of employment in the county," said Babcock. "Employees need trained people and there are individuals needing employment. We hope the board will give their endorsement so we can continue working on the program and come up with a final recommendation."

The board voted to endorse the program that has as its goal to identify those able-bodied individuals in Appomattox County who are currently unemployed or underemployed and through appropriate measures to encourage them to become productive and self reliant citizens.

In a report on the Department of Social Services Fuel Assistance Program, Babcock reported a total of 474 applications taken since the Fuel Assistance Program began.

In other business, the board gave endorsement to the Piedmont Interstate Corridor Concept, a proposal developed by businessmen, government officials, and political leaders, to seek an interstate corridor running parallel to U.S. 29 from Greensboro, N.C. to Northern Virginia extending through Maryland and connecting with I-83 northwest of Baltimore.

The Head Start Program was discussed and the board voted their endorsement of the continuing study of this program.

According to Julia French, Central Piedmont Action Council's director of child care, the Head Start Program is "a comprehensive developmental program for children of families whose income falls below poverty guidelines. Benefit to the children includes education, nutrition, health, parent involvement and social services."

"We're looking good financially," were encouraging words to the board from Lloyd Walton, superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division.

"A substantial savings in energy is evident since the remodeling projects and it looks like we will finish the year ahead of last year financially," he said. "We're doing everything we can to try and cut back on our energy costs."

Walton expressed his approval of the higher more demanding requirements for graduation from high school.

"After many years of permissiveness, we have to realize that we have to get down to business on the subject of education. We are not only demanding toughness in graduation standards but toughness in behavior and in attendance," Walton said.

"For the benefit of all of us, school system, students, parents, we have to look for the very best in education; there is great support all across the country for improved education," our Walton.

"I believe," Walton continued, "our students, parents, school teachers and administrators realize that good education is going to demand responsibility and I believe we're ready to accept that responsibility."

"In summing up his remarks, Walton said, "We have an efficient school system, our buildings are now in such a state of good repair that we won't have to look at improvements for another 10 years. I am pleased with the way things are going."

CFS to aid in planning

Beginning with the 1984 crop year, farm borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration will receive better financial planning assistance through the new Coordinated Financial Statements (CFS), according to Roie M. Godsey, FmHA State Director for Virginia.

Previously farm borrowers have used the agency's "Farm and Home Plan" to analyze their operations and plan financial strategies. "The Farm and Home Plan has served the agency and its borrowers long and well," Godsey said. "It has not changed substantially since it was developed nearly 50 years ago."

"The intricacies of modern farming, with its emphasis on large-scale operations, competitive marketings, and diversity of production, require sophisticated financial management techniques. Good farm financial management is absolutely necessary for farmers to succeed in the 1980's," Godsey said, "and the CFS can provide the sophisticated analyses needed to make sound decisions."

The Coordinated Financial Statement includes:

--a balance sheet and statement of owner's equity,

--an income statement, showing all income and expenses,

--a statement of change in financial position, indicating new borrowings, withdrawals and debt payment of the past year, and

--a cash flow statement, showing cash income and outgo for the previous year and projections for the coming year.

The CFS will be phased in over a four-year period, Godsey said. In 1984, each county office is scheduled to use the CFS with at least 10 borrowers. In 1985, 25 percent of the borrowers in each county office should be using the new system with the number increasing to 65 percent by 1986. During the 1987 crop year, all borrowers should be using the CFS.

The local FmHA county supervisors have been trained in the use of the CFS and are now able to assist borrowers who are going on the new system.

In Town of Appomattox

Business licenses due

Business license for all town businesses need to be purchased before the deadline date of January 31, reminds Appomattox Town Manager Bill Britton.

Anyone needing further information may call Judy Volturo at the Appomattox Town Office.

Course discussions set

Parents of students in the present 9, 10 and 11th grades in Appomattox County Schools are invited to participate in a discusson pertaining to course offerings for the 1984-85 school session as scheduled below:

Date	Time	Place	Present Grade
Thursday	9:05 - 9:55 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	9
January 26, 1984	10:05 - 10:50 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	10
	10:55 - 11:45 a.m.	Auditorium, ACHS	11
Thursday January 26, 1984	7:30 p.m.	Library, ACHS	9, 10, 11

The purposes of these meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings and registraton prosedurs for the school year 1984-1985. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present for the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that every parent will plan to attend one of the discussion meetings that has been scheduled.

Registration for courses by students for the next school year is to begin Thursday, January 26 and end on Monday, January 30. Guidance counselors at the Appomattox County High School will then, through personal and group sessions, aid students in their course selections. "It is very important that parents be familiar with the many course offerings that available, and be in a position to help their children in the selection", explained Mr. Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools. Final registration is to be completed by March 30 and further changes in courses will not be made unless it has been determined that there are unusual circumstances. The choices of subjects will be used to schedule classes and to determine staff needs for the 1984-1985 school year.

Local response pleases Fratrick

By FRANCES ABBITT

The people of Appomattox and the surrounding area care about their fellowmen and proved it this past Christmas, according to a report from the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

"We were so pleased with the response of area businessmen, schools, churches, clubs, the Appomattox Assembly and individuals to the department's appeal for help in making Christmas happier for the economically disadvantaged in the county," said Jenny Fratrick, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

A total of 172 baskets of food were distributed to families in the county. The department had anticipated serving approximately 140 families.

"In addition to the food baskets, we gave clothing, and toys that were handled through the Clothes Closet," Fratrick said.

"We are so very proud of the dedication of the young people in the county. All the schools, the primary, elementary, middle and high school and the teachers worked so hard and gave so much with such a beautiful spirit," added Fratrick.

The Appomattox Middle School planned well ahead for their participation in the department's Christmas program by collecting and repairing toys and bicycles. Other groups from the AMS gave food, money and clothing. The Appomattox County High School gave fruit for all baskets in addition to food, money and other things. The primary and elementary schools gave food, clothing and toys. "We feel that the examples set by the school groups could very well inspire some other groups in organization in the coming year," said Fratrick.

"We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Mildred Elliott, the Christmas Mother for 1983, for her untiring efforts in coordinating and distribution of the donations," said Fratrick. "All of our volunteers did a wonderful job in seeing that the distributions were made on time."

Churches as a whole, circles or classes in various churches contributed food, clothing, household articles, for distribution. Some school groups, church groups, and even individuals adopted a family for Christmas and provided food, gifts, clothing and everything to make it a happy and joyous Christmas.

Fratrick noted the manner in which the elderly recipients of food baskets and gifts responded to the visit from the volunteer workers. "In many instances they invited us to stay and chat. They seemed eager to have us spend some time with them. It almost seemed as if the visit meant as much as the gifts."

"The response of the county citizens was so great it enabled us to serve so many more families. During this time we had three families lose their homes and all their possessions as a result of fire. The response to the needs of these people was most gratifying," Fratrick added.

"Appomattox County is indeed one of the most fortunate counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia in that everybody, from one corner to the other, cares and shares with their fellowmen," says Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Director of Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

"We do hope that for 1984 there will be an organization that will take the responsibility of toy collection and repair as a project for the entire year. By doing this through the year, it will eliminate the rush as the holiday season approaches to get toys collected and repaired in time for distribution," Babcock added.

"We feel fortunate to have such a dedicated groups of Community Volunteers and Mildred Elliott as Christmas Mother for the past year. Their dedication to the Christmas Program of the Appomattox County Dept. of Social Services made it a tremendous success," concluded Babcock.

"We were just overwhelmed at the support from Appomattox County citizens, businesses, churches, schools, and various organizations in their generosity with money, toys, food, and clothing for our Christmas Program," said Mildre Elliott, Christmas Mother.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

First one up Monday morning called out, "Look, it is snowing!" And still snowing as I sat down to write today's column. In such a situation, one goes out to get the morning paper to check the weather forecast. Turn on radio or TV to do the same. See if the car will start. Put out the garbage can. Go get the mail at post office and size up the driving problem, if any. Ah yes, do not forget to check the thermometer. A school bus rounds the corner and you figure they will give it a try, anyway, but probably close early. It is built into the schedule. If you need food or supplies at a store, add in enough for an extra day or so, just in case.

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Bit of a contrast with olden days. As I recall it, the first concerns on a snowy morning revolved around whatever livestock you had and the woodpile and water supply. Party line telephones helped out.

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And February is ahead. To prepare for possible February severities, I have gotten out a bright red shirt and red vest to match, and a red stocking cap. Big deal.

Speaking of big deals, Appomattox's popular construction firm, J.E. Jamerson & Sons has a large contract to redo a part of downtown Lynchburg. Sort of Mall between Church and Main Streets. Want a good job done? Try Appomattox!

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Met Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ligon, of Pamplin. She had read my recent mention of The Birmingham, Ala. NEWS and recalled that she taught school in Birmingham and often contributed articles to The NEWS.

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One of the marvels of Virginia is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel, spanning the Chesapeake Bay and connecting the Eastern Shore and the mainland. Doing well. More than 1.8 million vehicles used the span in 1983, an increase in traffic count and in revenue.

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Any statistics on the longest icicle? Wait for February?

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Good way to open a conversation - What do you collect? Or, why did you stop?

We survived a Friday, the Thirteenth this month. But 1984 gives us two more Friday the Thirteens. April and July. Be careful.

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Welcome sight. To see the fuel supply truck stopping out front.

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Am reading "Lana", the life story of actress Lana Turner. We have at least one thing in common. The first automobile each of us ever owned was a Whippet!

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Dividend. Chickadees at my windowside bird feeder. Poor little birds cannot fight the big fellows for food, but they are swift and manage to survive.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around, I hope, I hope, I hope.

Reassessment now underway

Appomattox County is presently conducting the 1984 Property Reassessment. The purpose of this new appraisal is to equalize property assessment to the market value.

The total assessed value for Appomattox has increased 38 percent. The tax rate for 1984 will decrease to compensate for the increase in assessed value.

The Board of Assessors will hold hearings to insure that all appraisals are at market value and that comparable properties are appraised uniformly.

If any property owner has any questions concerning their property assessment, please call 352-8586 before Jan. 30, for this will be the last day the Board of Assessors will schedule appointments to consider any additional information concerning appraisals.

Teacher workdays set

Teacher workdays will be held in Appomattox County Friday, Jan. 20 and Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Students will not attend school on these days, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools.

On Jan. 20, teachers will average grades for the first semester and complete their students' report cards.

On Jan. 25 teachers will participate in a professional development conference at Longwood College.

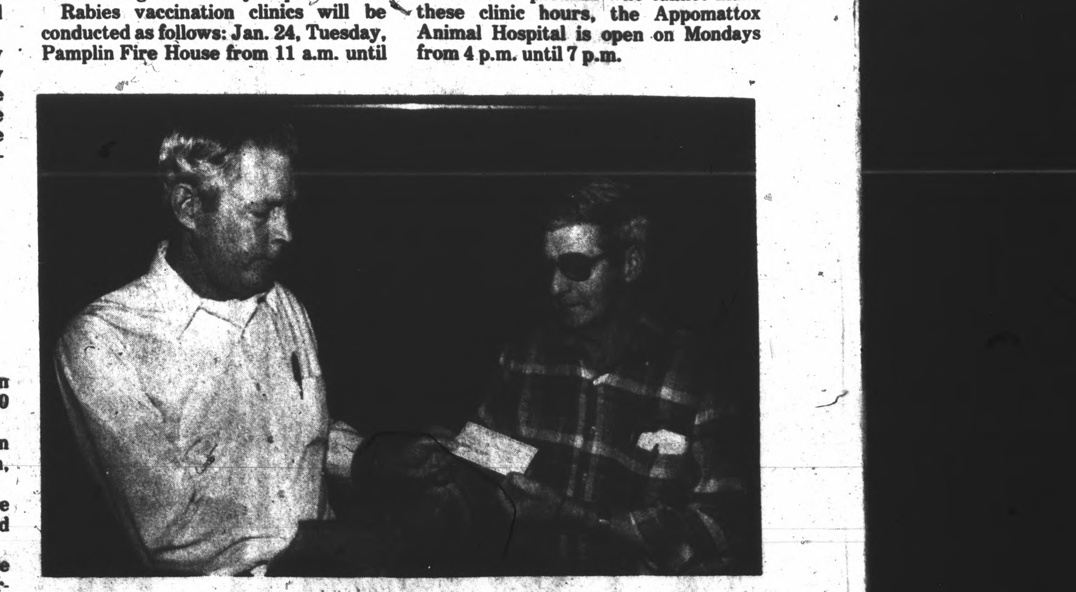
This workshop will be conducted by Dr. Thomas McGreal, from the University of Illinois. His topic will be "Instructional Effectiveness."

Rabies vaccination clinics set

William Burger, D.V.M. Appomattox Animal Hospital, reminds dog owners that the deadline for dog license February 1, 1984. Virginis law requires a certificate of vaccination before a dog license may be purchased.

Rabies vaccination clinics will be conducted as follows: Jan. 24, Tuesday, Pamplin Fire House from 11 a.m. until 12 noon; Jan. 24, Tuesday, 12:30 until 1:30 Red House at Jimmy's Grocery; and Jan. 24, Tuesday, from 3 to 4 p.m. Appomattox Animal Hospital.

For those persons who cannot make these clinic hours, the Appomattox Animal Hospital is open on Mondays from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.



NORMAN GAGNEUR, PRESIDENT of the Oakville Ruritan Club, left, is shown presenting a check from the club to the Appomattox County Anti-Cold Homes Program. Accepting the check, a result of the club's fund-raising activities, is Grover Beasley, Jr., member of the Anti-Cold Homes committee. (Photo by Bill Sherrod.)

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